the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government's attention was drawn to the judgement of the Supreme Court in the matter of drugs;

(b) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court has noticed that M/s. Hoechst are enjoying a price of Rs. 24735.38 per kg. in respect of Baralgon Ketone in the formulation;

(c) whether it is a fact that this figure is also given in the affidavits filed before the High Court and the Supreme Court;

(d) whether it is a fact that for the purpose of recovery, a figure of Rs. 8019 per Kg. has now been used;

(e) if so, what action has been taken against the officers who filed wrong affidavits before the Courts; and

(f) whether it is a fact that crores of rupees have been swindled in the matter by distorting the facts?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (f) The required details to the extent information is available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Assessment of overcharged amounts for recovery from Companies

623 SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 239 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the overcharged amount assessed by the special team against each company covered by the Supreme Court judgement;

(b) how much amount each company has paid so far; what is the balance due from each company and from which date the balance is due;

(c) what are the main reasons for delay in the recovery of the amount; and

(d) on what basis the producers are keeping the Government money with them and whether during 1988 or 1987, any letter was issued to the companies to deposit the balance amount with the Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The details of the amount assessed by the special team for the period upto 31.12.83 and the amounts paid by the companies are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 26]

(c) and (d) Since the prices of drugs had not been revised since 1980, a decision was taken to give to hearing to the companies concerned on their price revision application for prices after 31st December, 1983.

DPEA dues worked out by Special Team

624. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 239 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the special team has already submitted its report in respect of the amount due from other companies covered by the Supreme Court judgement;

(b) if so, what is the amount worked out by the special team against each company; and

(c) how much amount each company has so far paid into the Drug Price Equalisation Account?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The Committee has not submitted its report in respect of all the other companies.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

राजस्थान में एस० टी० डी० सुविधा

625. **डा० अबरार अहमद खान:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि राजस्थान में सभी जिलों को एस० टी० डी० सुविधा से कब तक जोड़ दिए जाने की संभावना है?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो): राजस्थान के सभी जिला मुख्यालयों को मार्च, 1990 तक एस० टी० डी० के जरिए जोड़ दिए जाने की आशा है।

Price Control on ORS

626. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ORS has been excluded on the ground that it is a formulation and not a drug;

(b) whether it is a fact that certain formulations are under price control;

(c) whether combination of vitamins is a bulk drug or a formulation;

(d) whether such combinations are under price control or are exempted from price control;

(e) whether it is a fact that Health Ministry sent recommendations for inclusion of ORS under price control;

(f) if so, what was the basis on which the Ministry of Health recommended;

(g) whether it is a fact that as per drug policy ORS should be under price control; and

(h) if so, what are the reasons for deviation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (h) The required details, to the extent available, will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Bulk Drugs for Whole-sale Price Index

627. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs and formulations which are in the basket of whole-sale price index;

(b) what are the names of those which are under price control under DPCO, 1987 and what are the names of those which are outside price control under the said order;

(c) how many of these drugs were under price control under DPCO, 1979 and what was the price of each and what is the price at present;

(d) what was the whole-sale price index of medicines as in August, 1986, August, 1987, August, 1988 and at present; and

(e) the names of bulk drugs for which his Ministry monitors production alongwith the production of each during the last three years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) The required details, to the extent available, will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Prices of Drugs

628. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item concerning DPCO impact published under the name of BICP in the Economic Times of 27th January, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the names of the six drugs for which production went up by 51.30 per cent during 1987-88 over 1986-87 and what was the production and number of producers involved in each case;

(c) what were the 13 drugs for which increase in production was 54.3 per cent and what was the production during base year for each of them and what was the production in 1987-88 and 1986-87; and

(d) what was the price of each of these drugs where production has gone up before August, 1987 and what is the present price along with percentage change in each case?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to d) The required details, to the extent available, will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.